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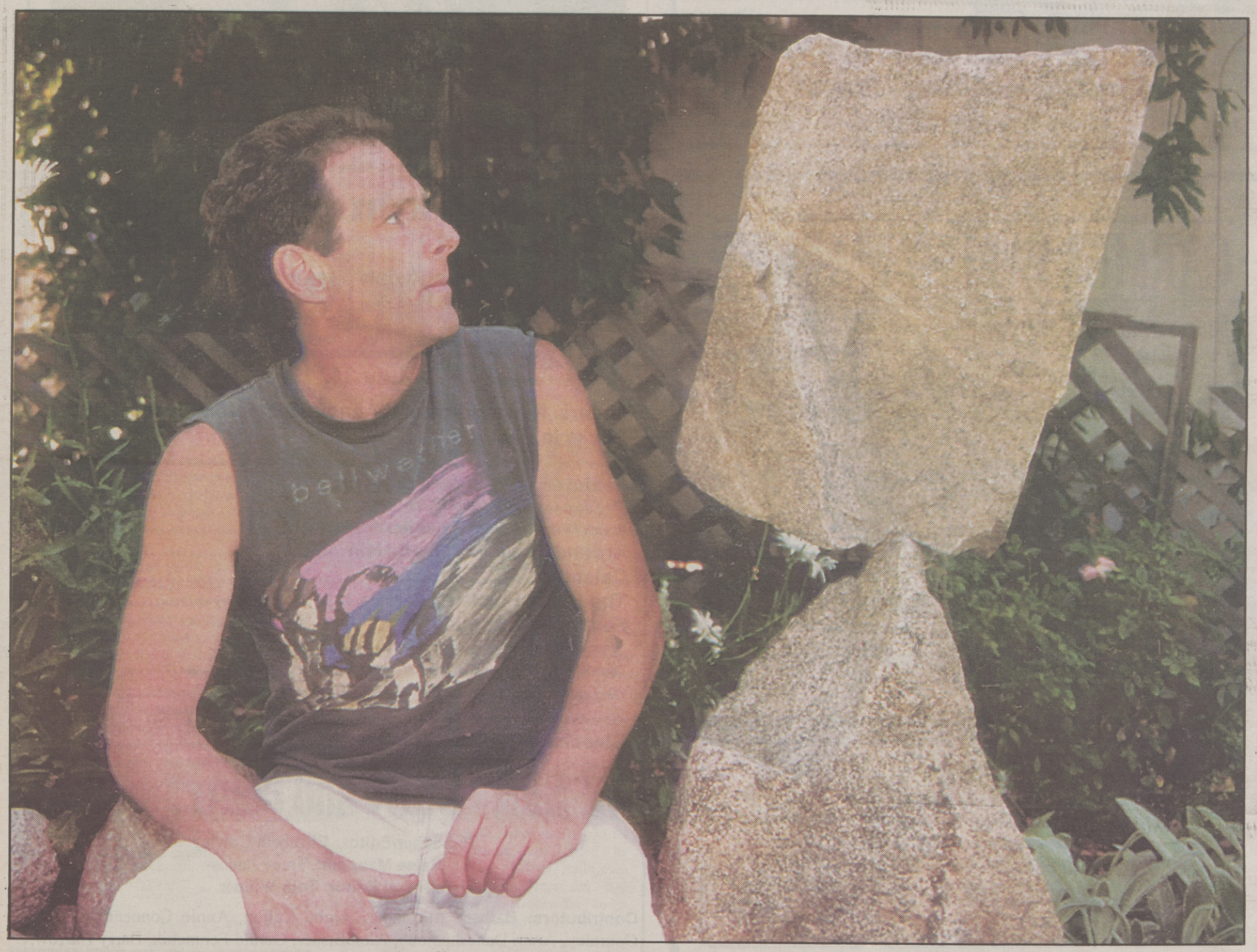

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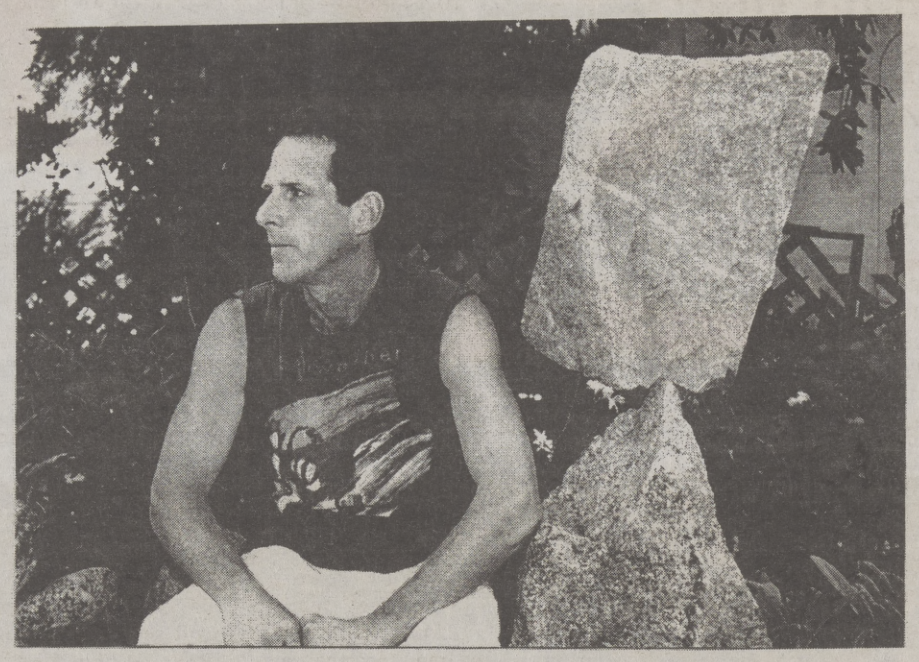

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LETTERS

Valley Bistro Delightful

Dear Editor:

All last week it was foggy in Monterey. Needless to say I was wishing for some sun. I received an invitation to go to Carmel Valley and find the sun. I enjoyed walking the path and admiring all of the beautiful flowers. We happened to pass the Valley Bistro and decided to stop in. What a delightful place, the yellow and white décor gave us the lift we needed. I went inside to check it out and found it most charming. I love the country look of the wooden chairs and tables and the rocking chair on the porch.

I read the review in *The Sun* and was appalled at the unkind words. My friend and I are going to go back again soon. I wish the Valley Bistro all the luck in the world and I suggest that the reviewer go back when in a better mood.

B. Finn
Monterey

Run for the School Board

Dear Editor:

The candidate filing period for two 4-year positions on the Carmel School Board is open from July 14 to August 8. Incumbent Dan Hightower has served for 5 years and has never faced the voters. Incumbent Frank Pinney has not faced the voters for 8 years. The school board has had a history of uncontested (hence not held) elections for many years. (In almost 6 years only one person currently on the board has actually participated in an election.)

I encourage concerned citizens to consider running for the Board. I especially encourage parents to run who have children enrolled at the district's schools. Four out of five of the present Board members do not have children in our schools.

As a mother of two in the Carmel schools and an active volunteer for many years, I shall be running on a platform of increased educational opportunities for our students and increased Board communication with the community as well as Board/administration accountability. I will be getting my message to the voters through articles in this and other news media. I shall not accept nor spend any money on my campaign other than the price of copying leaflets and the price of the candidate statement in the voter pamphlet. It is important to me that campaign expenses not hinder citizens who wish to run.

Call the County Elections office at 755-5085 for more information. Help support a positive change that will bring a breath of fresh air to the Board.

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NEWS BRIEFS

The Fiesta Is Here

Take 450 pounds of wild boar and domestic pig, whistle in 101 Dalmatians, or whatever dogs are within earshot, make way for 75 tumbling youngsters, send in the clowns, strike up six bands and invite an Olympic heroine to get in the swim of things and what you have is this year's edition - the 8th annual - of the Carmel Valley Fiesta.

Programmed around the theme: "Come for the sun, Stay for the stars!" the Fiesta will pack in a full weekend of family entertainment and activities for all ages, Aug. 1-3, according to Bruce Michels, Fiesta chairman.

Open to all are the Village & Clown parade on Saturday morning, the Dog & Puppy Show on Sunday morning and children's contests on both days.

Other events include the HOOPLA! wild boar barbecue on Friday night at 6 p.m. Featured on Saturday will be a pancake breakfast, the Village & Clown parade, 1OK&5K runs and a 5K family walk, an antique car show and a variety of festival attractions, children's games and train rides.

There also will be continuous musical entertainment, 60 to 70 craft booths along with nine food booths offering everything from Artichokes to Zucchini.

The Fiesta Street Dance will be held Saturday evening, 'Strictly Country' will play for the eighth consecutive year.

Featured Sunday morning will be the Dog & Puppy Show and swimming races with festival events re in the park at 11a.m.

Heather Pease, 1996 USA Synchronized Swimming Olympic Gold Medalist and a Carmel Valley resident, will serve as Parade Grand Marshal and officiate at the Fiesta swimming events.

The drawing for the raffle Grand Prize - an all-expense paid trip for two to Hawaii - will be held Sunday afternoon as the finale to this year's edition of the Fiesta. Drawings for some 80 other prizes will be held hourly on both days.

General admission is free; there is a charge for the barbecue and street dance. The Fiesta is sponsored by the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club, all proceeds will support local charities. For information: (408) 659-2038; http//www.cwiltage.com/fiesta or visit the Fiesta Store at 15 West Carmel Valley Road (July 25-Aug. 1).

Local Natural Food Store Named Best

Cornucopia Community Market has been selected "Store of the Year" for 1997 by *Health Foods Business*, an industry publication. Cornucopia was chosen from among more than 100 nominations covering the entire United States.

"As a Store of the Year winner, (Cornucopia) exemplifies what is best in this industry," said Gina Geslewitz, editor of the magazine. The nominees were judged on profitability, customer traffic, name recognition, store design, service level, attractiveness, merchandising techniques, organization, store identity and community and charitable activities.

Cornucopia was founded over 21 years ago by Jon and Lori Zobler. In 1994, it moved to its new and expanded location in Carmel Rancho Shopping Center. Since moving to its new location, Cornucopia has tripled its business. While growing in its traditional businesses such as natural remedies and treatments, much of the growth has been in its prepared "natural foods-to-go" and produce areas.

Jon, a native New Yorker and long-time vegetarian, came to California in the early seventies as a musician, playing his guitar in a band, and then later opened a vegetarian restaurant and health food store in the Barnyard from 1977 to 1982 --The Cornucopia Restaurant and Natural Foods. In time, the restaurant was replaced by the food store. Lori Zobler, a native Carmelite, was an original owner of White Wave Soy Foods in Colorado, as well as a graduate from the Rocky Mountain Healing Arts Institute.

Jon and Lori consider Cornucopia an extension of themselves and their two young daughters, Lily Rose, age seven, and Jessica, age three. "We want Cornucopia to reflect, in every aspect, our commitment to healthy living and environmental consciousness for the family and entire community." The store participates in over 40 community non-profit efforts, including SCRIP, Monterey County AIDS Project, Food Bank of Monterey County and the Big Sur Marathon.

Cornucopia Community Market is located in the Carmel Rancho Shopping Center, just south east of the intersection of Carmel Valley Road and Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rancher's Days Coming

The deadline for 1997 Carmel Valley Rancher's Days entries is August 12. For more information call Ron Builta at 626-8277. Look for the Rancher's Days program in the August 14th edition of *The Sun*.

Park District Vacancy

The Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District Board has a vacancy and requests that qualified and interested residents of the district contact Board President Dorothy McEwen at 659-2640. The board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7p.m. at the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center'' Activity House.

Two Water Board Members Not Returning

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board Members Darlene Burkleo and Lou Haddad announced they will not be running for reelection. Burkleo said she was announcing that she was not going to run again so the people in her district can find another qualified person to represent them. Burkleo, an unabashed dam supported, said "I want someone who wants a good solid water solution to run for my seat."

WHOOPS

It was reported last week that the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce Luncheon to be held on August 14 at Rancho Canada was $24 for non-members. The correct price is $12 for members and $14 for non-members. For more information on this event call 659-4000.

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THE ROCK STACKER

Rock photos by Tom O'Neal

Jim Needham has plans to rock Carmel Valley - Literally

By Tracy James

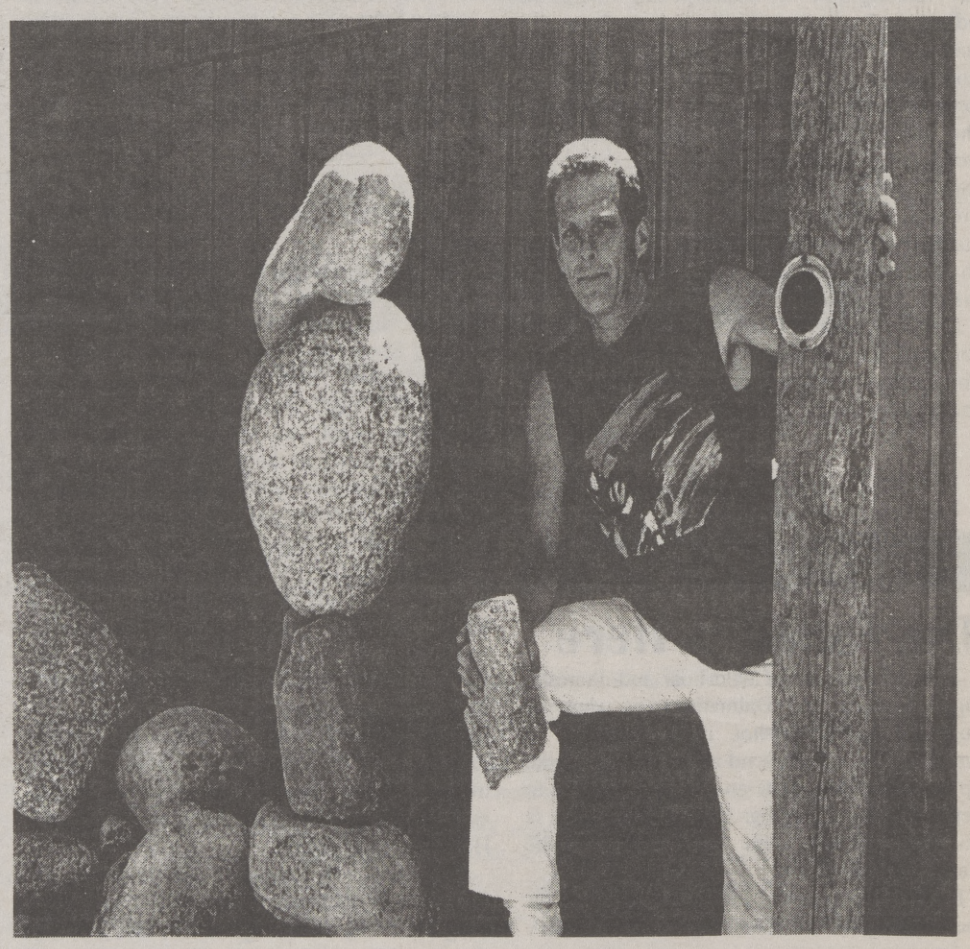
You might say it's Stonehenge in Carmel Valley. Or think it's an idea the infamous, eccentric, umbrella artist, Christo may have concocted. But Carmel Valley residents are in for a surprise when Jim Needham announces his plan to "rock" the village.

"It's going to be called 'Village Rockway'," Needham says, while sitting on his coach in front of an early 1900's rock fireplace. The Village Rockway is an outgrowth of a smaller project Needham completed earlier this year titled "Rocks in my Head." His rock sculptures lined Carmel Valley Road with a variety of different shaped stones precariously balanced on top of one another. "People's response was very positive," says Needham. "But the rocks were only temporary. People would call me to 'come fix them'...some of the sculptures lasted for 48 hours others in Cachagua lasted for a week."

This time the rock exhibit will be permanent. The Village Rockway will be a work in progress and hopefully, with funding and support of the community, it will be completed by the year 2000. Needham says he already has several residents and commercial businesses interested in putting this project together. "I really like the village and the process," says Needham. "There is no single image as you move through the village. The (rock stacking) will give a visual image." He believes his rock sculptures will also add a sense of unity to the community.

Needham doesn't plan to work alone. Two local sculptures, Leif Utegaard and Frederick Gregory, will assist Needham in his quest. "I have redone all my gardens. I've knocked down everything. It makes it difficult," Needham says about preparing for the project. To make the rock sculptures permanent, Needham plans to create an original rock stack, take a photograph of the natural piece, and then knock it down. Then he will take a steel rod to permanently support the structure and recreate the original sculpture from the picture.

But how does he get the rocks to stay in the first place? "Gravity and friction," Needham says. "I just use principles of science." Rock on top of rock, Needham continually tests the laws of gravity. "It's the base rock that makes the difference," he says. "But it's almost a matter of faith...of believing." To watch Needham in action you may think it is faith that keeps the rocks balanced. Needham picks up a square stone and proceeds to place it on top of a more circular shaped rock. "Your choice," he says "Miracle or failure" as he cradles the stone, rocking it back and forth on the larger rock.



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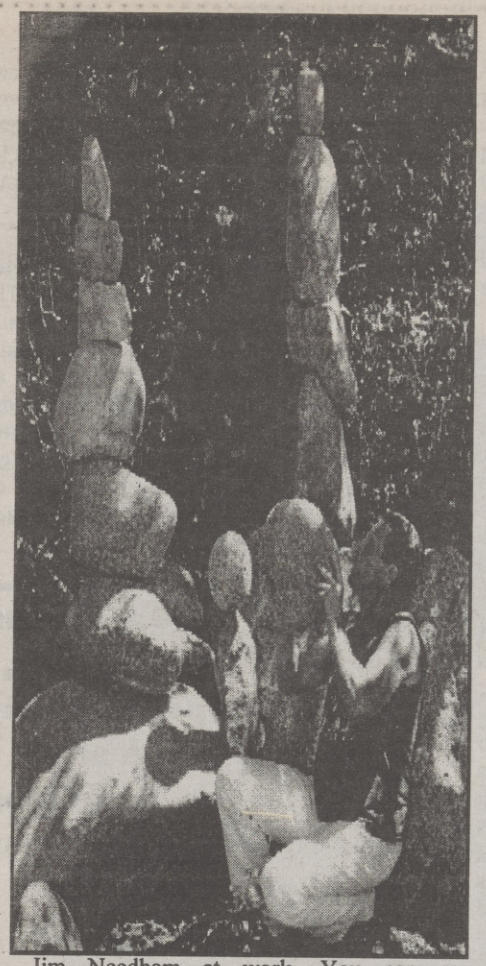


Jim Needham at work. You can see Needham in action this Saturday by the Judges stand in front of The Running Iron at the Carmel Valley Fiesta.

Finally the rock settles and almost calms and sits still, motionless atop the base rock.

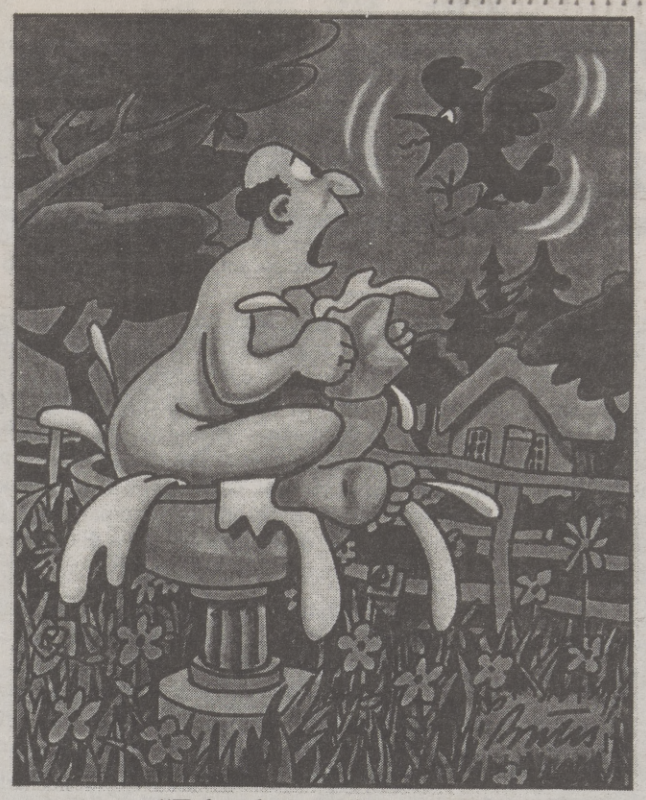
Needham has outlined an existing map of the village, and has marked where he anticipates placing the rock sculptures for the Village Rockway. In total, there will be 24 rock sculptures placed around the area. Needham says he wants three monumental sculptures to mark the entrance, middle and exist to the village. The first monumental piece will be placed in close proximity to the Carmel Valley Community park. The second sculpture will likely be near the Running Iron restaurant and the last sculpture will be close to the river at Esquiline Road and Los Helechos.

"The sculptures will compliment the existing pathway. They will just be another element," Needham says. In addition to the existing pathway through the village, Needham has targeted or mapped new paths extending from the Carmel Valley River where he would like to see his sculptures. For now, he says, the new path is just an option. "That is my life. My route," says Needham.

Rocks seem to have shaped Needham's life. Just walking through his garden you see large rocks balanced; mounds and mounds of rocks at the path leading to his home and photographs of rocks displayed on his walls. Needham says he was unconscious to the fact he was taking pictures of rocks long before he obtained the urge to stack rocks. It was after the 1995 floods that Needham started what is called today "rock stacking." "There was a lot of energy after the floods," Needham says. His first series was entitled "Gravity at Work."

It was famous architects and sculptures like Frank Lloyd Wright, Andy Goldsworthy, and Isamu Noguchi that inspired Needham. "Growing up, they really affected me," he says.

Needham's garden is open to the public and can be found at Camp Stefani, just a short drive past Carmel Valley Village. You can see Needham at work this Saturday at the Carmel Valley Fiesta at the judge's stand in front of the Running Iron restaurant.



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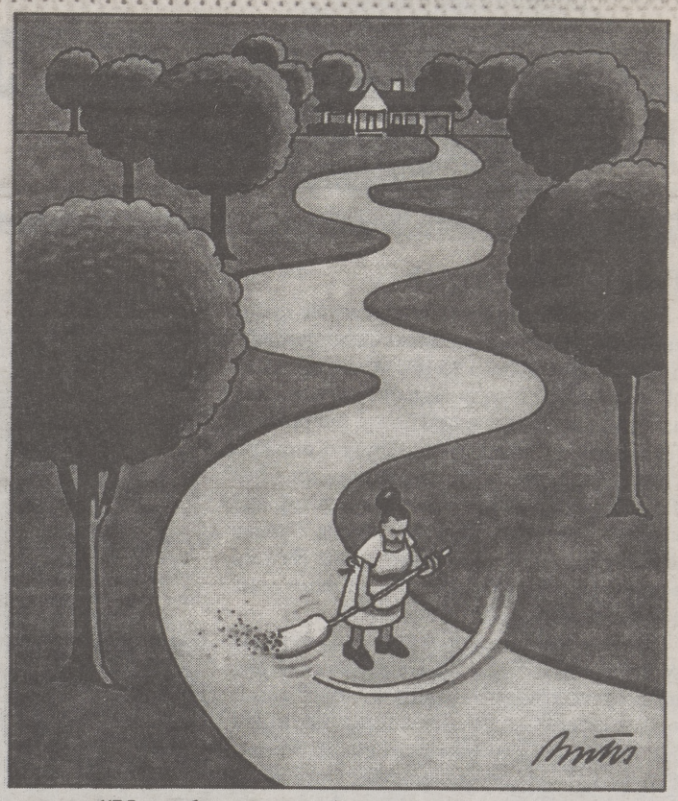

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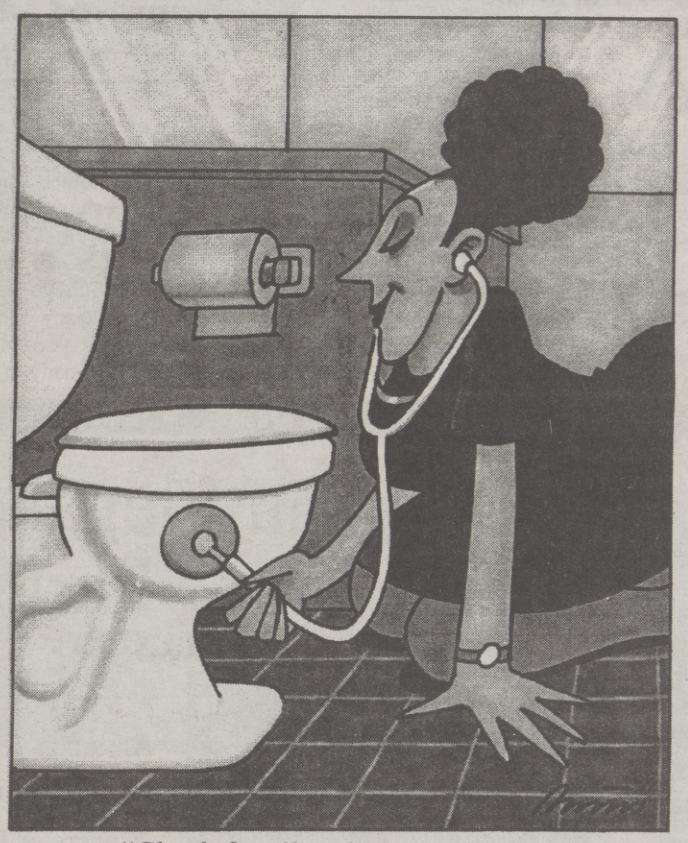

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The Glass House

By Neal Owen Kruse

To Tell The Truth

Recently, there was a wonderful article in *The Herald* about a car mechanic who told the owner the truth about a $3,000.00 engine repair job. Apparently, even though there was no way the owner could have ever known, the problem was caused by the mechanic during a previous repair on the same car. The repair was done free of charge. The owner was so surprised and delighted, he wrote an article in the Sunday Soapbox lauding the mechanic. I look forward to more. It's time we begin to give more press to the honorable people in this world.

The interesting question is what kind of world are we living in when we are all shocked and surprised when somebody tells the truth? Has it become acceptable, perhaps normal, *not* to tell the truth? Are we so convinced that if we start being honest and keeping our word we're going to get taken advantage of by those who have no interest in playing by such rules? After all, we all know that nice guys finish last.

And who are our heroes on TV? Unless I'm mistaken, I see a lot of shows that subtly hint that the character who does the right thing is sort of ordinary and unexciting, but the one who "has the guts" to lie, cheat and steal his way to the top is the one we think is really cool. Ethics are out. Being cleverer and more ruthless than the other guy is in.

At least we can look to Washington for examples of how we should really behave, right? Remember when the Pentagon said that no soldiers were exposed to chemicals during the Gulf War? Then some pain-in-the-you-know-what dug up a document and blew the whistle. You can just hear those guys at the Pentagon talking behind closed doors. "Damn, they caught us on this one, Joe. Guess we'll have to change our story. Let's see…what'll we tell them this time?" Some five or six revisions of the story later and the Pentagon admits that as many as 100,000 of our troops were affected by chemicals. To get our government agencies to tell the truth, we first have to catch them in a lie - over and over again.

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I've got an idea! Lets stop spending all this time and money trying to catch people doing unethical things and paying for all this unethical behavior and just all decide to stop being unethical! Pretty neat idea, huh? And I thought of it all by myself! The national economy would go through the roof!

How many billions go down the drain every year to health insurance fraud? How many to Workman's Comp fraud? How many to the endless Congressional Oversight Committees that put on a nice tough show for the camera and then come up with nothing in the end? How much is spent paying Public Relations experts to package the truth so it sells better and to make politicians look exactly like the person you and I will want to vote for? How about if we just kind of let things be what they are for a while and stop all the hype?

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that things would go a lot smoother if everyone did what they said they would and spent a little more time asking whether what they were about to do is really ethical or not. I can hear Mr. Greenspan now, "I'm delighted to report, the new national craze for ethical behavior has literally paid off the National debt in three weeks! And by the way, now that I've pulled all my money out of the stock market, there's something I need to get off my chest about all these closed session meetings we bankers have…"

Have you ever noticed how our representatives in Washington are much too busy trying to catch each other with their pants or their ethics down to put any real attention on straightening out the rest of the country? Let's see… The GOP just had an unscrupulous mutiny against their even more unscrupulous leader, the Newt, who can't concentrate because he's busy trying to get public attention focused on Paula Jones whose trying to make Bill Clinton look like a lech, while he's busy trying to make the Democratic campaign funding probe backfire on the Republicans, who are busy trying to make the Democrats look like money scrounging devils, etc. etc. Hey, you guys! Over here! Remember us? The American people? You don't have to worry about entertaining us. We can watch all this on Beverly Hills 90210!

What if our politicians suddenly realized that being honest is the really cool thing to do if you want to get re-elected? Can you see Bill Clinton on tomorrow's news, "I want to be the first to tell you, I actually did inhale, and… aw, shucks…, to be honest, I kind of liked it too." Rushing to the microphone behind him is Newt Gingrich, "If you call that being honest, wait'l I tell you how much money I was *really* going to make on my book deal…"

Let's have a national "Elected Representatives Come Clean Day". The politician who shows the most painful honesty automatically gets re-elected. The only problem we might have is what to do with all that empty space we'd suddenly have in our newspapers and all the extra airtime we'd have to fill on TV and radio. We might actually get into some really in depth documentaries on global warming and the corporate domination of the world economy.

I can hear Mr. Greenspan now, "...And by the way, now that I've pulled all my money out of the stock market, there's something I need to get off my chest about all these closed session meetings we bankers have..."

Now we can't have that…can we?

Quote for the week: "There is no alleviation for the sufferings of mankind except veracity of thought and of action, and the resolute facing of the world as it is when the garment of make-believe by which pious hands have hidden its uglier features is stripped off. -Thomas Henry Huxley (1825–95), English biologist.

Web site of the week:
http://137.118.1.57/cool/ethics/core.html - Core Values – A Guide to Ethical Business Practice.

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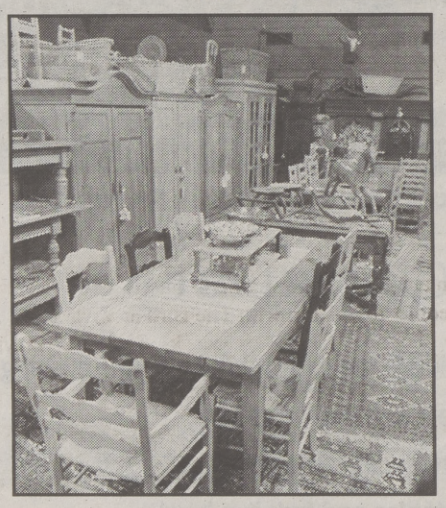

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OPINION

What's Next

By Mel Vercoe

No End To Governmental Stupidity

Well, good. President Clinton (our federal government) will put $48 million toward saving the clarity of Lake Tahoe, a popular tourist attraction. So I am writing to him asking for help on a local problem. It may already be too late, but a federal take-over of the Salinas Valley seawater intrusion problem from state and county officials, apparently all in bed with big money agriculture and development interests, might save the water supply for Fort Ord and Marina and the north half of the rest of the Salinas Valley. If he will help us, I might consider re-registering as a Democrat.

Heck, all we'd need would be an agreement with the ship captains that the ships would not serve any meals, and not let the passengers sleep in their staterooms while the ships were visiting here.

On a more important issue, I can't understand the popular opposition to allowing cruise ships to make stops at Monterey. Would there be a danger that the passengers would just clutter up all our streets and not buy anything? And then go back to eat all of their meals in the ship's dining room? Then maybe they'd drink some of our water at drinking fountains and perhaps flush toilets in public rest rooms, possibly unaware of our water scarcity problems.

Heck, all we'd need would be an agreement with the ship captains that the ships would not serve any meals, and not let the passengers sleep in their staterooms while the ships were visiting here.

Meanwhile, in the popular Cunanan case in Florida, it was stupid, to say the least, that the reward money was held up on a dumb technicality. In short, the guy who called the cops was supposed to have personally investigated, so he could tell the dispatcher that he was calling about Cunanan? Well, so much for public assistance in fighting crime problems.

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With Matt Heimbold

Cannery Row

You thought all they had up there in Seattle was grunge, right? Well **Phat Sidy Smokehouse** aims to prove us wrong. Formed as a side project by various members of the jet city's soul and funk community, things became serious last year with the release of a debut CD, "Plato's Grande Rehearsal". Their aim for 97 is to break out of town and spread the good word. From the looks of their press, Phat Sidy is the jewel of a strong underground soul and funk movement in Seattle.

Watch out for these outfits, Rubberneck, the Five Fingers of Funk, and the Supersonic Soul Pimps. So what does Phat Sidy sound like? Merge old school R&B (strong Ohio Players influence), funk (an undeniable Funkadelic vibe), with a dab of modern rock, and there you have it. They are a sextet (finally got to use that one) consisting of bass, drums, vocals, guitar, and two horns. Front man Ernest Pumphrey Jr. undeniably adds the phunk to funk! Me like this. Why should you go to this show? Everyone in my little circle always complains that the same bands play the same clubs in our dear little town. Carl at the Blue Fin has brought in the real deal several times and I haven't seen some of you cats there. Those of you that caught Big Rude Jake back in February know what I'm talking about. That was a slammin band.

You have to take Blue Fin as a serious contender to the music club community with these kinds of bookings. They have gone out of their way to give us something fresh. In fact, they've given us a few contenders for hippest show of the year to date. Let's encourage them in this direction. See you there tonight, 9:00 P.M.

The **Volcano Brothers** and **Cruisin Deuces** take the Fin Friday and Saturday respectively. These are two of the strongest blues/rock groups on the peninsula, with the Volcano's more on the R&B side of the fence and The Deuces on the rock side. We haven't heard that much from the V.B.'s lately, and in this case absence does make the heart grow fonder. A solid weekend at The Fin.

Lovers and Strangers have been busy recording their second CD in the Lake Tahoe area. I spoke with drummer Chris Castanza who said the sessions have been going great and it's obvious he's anxious for people to hear the results. Rumor has it that they may be sharing the fruits of their labor in the not to distant future. So stay tuned. **Buddy Lowe** to the rescue! The long time AM radio personality agreed to fill in this Saturday at Doc's after a last minute booking cancellation left owner Dino Pulagarin in a tough situation. Lucky for us. Buddy doesn't do this too often any more so I only have one thing to say, the old timer is the "Real Deal" kids.

Other newsworthy events at Doc's include reggae outfits **Unshakable Race** and **Jonah and the Whalewatchers** for the reggae nights, tonight and Tuesday respectively; and **David Holehouse** will be blowin his little heart out on the harp on Wednesday.

Kevin Jordan and **Bernie McGrenehan** are this weeks comedy ticket at Planet Gemini. Five foot four former LA policeman Kevin Jordan is a real hoot. This is the usual high caliber comedy fare you've come to expect from The Planet, but for this week I'd like to focus on something different. As some of you already know, Planet co-owner **Anthony Lane** has been playing guitar with **Mockingbird** more regularly lately. You probably saw him sit in with The Bird at Viva's and The 180 East Club last week. He also plays in Planet Gemini's house band **Foreign Exchange**, which plays danceable rock and R&B covers after the comedy on Friday and Saturday nights. Well to the musician set in town that has dismissed Anthony as a club owner (how can he also be a serious player?), and thereby not filling the criteria of legitimate starving artists, it's time to clue in. Lane has one of the prerequisite's that many chop maestros never achieve, Groove. He is an excellent accompaniment to Mockingbird as a rhythm and lead guitarist and sings harmony like a bird (boy that worked nicely). Mockingbird was so tight at Viva's last week (they were squeaky clean tight to be precise), that I told front man Steve Kramer it was the best musically executed show I've seen from a local band in a while. I hope Anthony continues his trend of

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Bluefin Billiards 375-7000	"Phat Sidy Smokehouse" 9pm	"Volcano Brothers"	"Crusin Deuces"	Military N pool with
Doc's Nightclub 649-4241	"Unshakable Race" – reggae	"Lovers and Strangers"	Buddy Lowe's Blues Review	closed
McGarret's 646-9244	DJ Donna	DJ Donna/Bad Dawgs – Techno	DJ Mikey – Players Club – Techno	closed
Monterey Billiards 641-0260	"Live Vibe" –9pm	"Eddie Gutierrez" 7-9 "The Blues Busters" 9:30	"The Human Doings" - 9:30	$5/hour po 1/2 off Bu day
Planet Gemini 373-1449	Comedy 9-10:30 with Kevin Jordan and Bernie McGrenahan- $6	Comedy 9-10:30 with Kevin Jordan & Bernie McGrenahan followed by Foreign Exchange. $6	Comedy 9-10:30 with Kevin Jordan & Bernie McGrenahan followed by Foreign Exchange. $8	OASIS an 2000 Live w/KCTY-
Viva Monterey 646-1415	"New Son Born"	"Erik Lindel & the Reds"	"Erik Lindel & the Reds"	Three Spirit followed by Rock Scene starts at 4pn
Whitey's Place 646-8383	Rock & Blues Jam Session featuring Joe Lucido 9pm	Reggae with Tony Miller	Disco & Funk with "Burnin Vernon"	Satellite Sp Interactive

Around Town

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regular gigs with Mockingbird.

Down on the far end of Cannery Row this weekend check out reggae man **Tony Miller** and the Disco/Funk of **Burnin Vernin** at Whitey's.

Downtown

Original rock night at the 180 East Club is alive and well after a killer show last week featuring **The Mass** and **Mockingbird**. This week club owner Nick Manzo, in conjunction with local music promoter Steve Vagnini, bring you **The Soul Trippers**. The group features local transplant Aram Danesh on guitar, as well as an all-star lineup of Bay Area musicians. You've probably guessed that they are rock with a soul influence. "It's a little different than the rock we've been booking" said Vagnini, "but the players are so good I couldn't pass it up". That's an understatement!

Danesh has just released an acid/traditional jazz CD, "Fever Dreams" that smokes. He is a truly an amazing axesmith (how bout dat one) that has played world wide, sharing the stage with Santana and the Allman Brothers among others. He spent his early youth in war ravaged Iran, and his travels have taken him globetrotting to Germany, Switzerland, France, you name it. This has undeniably and uniquely influenced his approach to guitar. Keyboardist Austin Delone has toured and recorded with Elvis Costello, Commander Cody, Boz Skaggs, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Clarence Clemmons, Nick Lowe, and many more. Ernest "Boom Carter was the drummer on Bruce Springsteen's masterpiece song "Born to Run". He was also Sprinsteen's touring drummer after the release of "The Wild, The Innocent, and the E Street Shuffle (hello - did you catch that one!). Along with bassist Eric McCann, they are currently members of Clarence Clemmons' Red Bank Rockers. San Francisco local luminary L.C. Love fronts this awesome line-up. This should be an amazing show not to be missed. Lift off - 9:00 PM.

Maria Matias and Live Vibe kick the weekend off early tonight at Monterey Billiards. Tomorrow solo acoustic guitarist/songwriter **Eddie Gutierrez** takes the 7-9:00 slot, with **The Blues Busters** driving it the rest of the way home. Saturday night the Steve Mosely led **Human Doings** are gonna do it from bell to bell. The real scoop on Monterey Billiards this week is the filming of a TV commercial on Friday at 6:00 PM, and if you get yer lil' buns down there you may even "get discovered"!

Mockingbird does a double header at Viva on Tuesday and Wednesday, but there's new blood (at least for me) Thursday through Saturday with **New Son Born** tonight, and **Erik Lindel & The Reds** commandeering the weekend. Check it out with me and let's see what's up with these cats.

And There's More...

"The best damn dance band you'll ever hear" - Rolling Stone; "...the high-spirited and deeply affecting Cajun French music kept listeners enwrap throughout the 90-minute set. Doucet, who with his brother David, eventually brought the music to such joyous heights that they had to whoop and holler just to let off steam" - Billboard Magazine; "BeauSoleil has just pushed Cajun music into adventurous new territory, absorbing zydeco, rock and Caribbean influences into the

rds, and Booze

AY	SUNDAY 3	MONDAY 4	TUESDAY 5	WEDNESDAY 6
se from ng top 40	18 and over night – dress to impress!	Punk Rock night with DJ Ina – music of the 70's and 90's.	DJ Sparky all request - $2 domestic beer and well drinks all night.	DJ Greg Dean and The Bang- house music
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Doings" -	$5/hour pool 1/2 off Bud Beer – all day	Buy a cigar- get your first martini ½ off	$2 Red Tail Ale Night	Pool Tourney 7pm Ladies & Military Night – ½ off pool
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the	Three Spirits Jam Session followed by the Monterey Rock Scene CD Preview – starts at 4pm.	Mockingbird unplugged	Mockingbird unplugged	Club Night featuring "Un'plug'able Race" Win up to $500 cash.
with n"	Satellite Sports Interactive 6pm	Satellite Sports Interactive 6pm	DJ Ess Ibrahim Funky Dance Jam	Grrrls Night Out with The Karma Band 9pm

tradition and adding striking new compositions by bandleader Michael Doucet." - Washington Post. Wow, so what's up with this? Well I'm here to tell you. This Saturday from 3-7:00 PM, at Galante Vineyards in Carmel Valley, **BeauSoleil** (featuring Michael Doucet) will perform their brand of traditional Cajun/Zydeco music. The event is called "Raise the Heat" and also features the authentic Lousiana creations of New Orleans Chef Michael Reese & executive Chef Pachi Calvo & Perez from the famous PJ's Oysterbed of San Francisco. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Department and Community Center. Tickets are $37.50 for the concert only or $55 for the concert and food. Rhino recording artists BeuSoleil are truly one of the premier Cajun/Zydeco bands in the world. This sounds like a very hip event. OUT.

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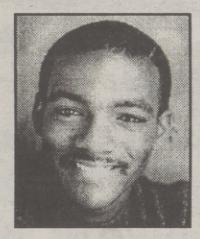

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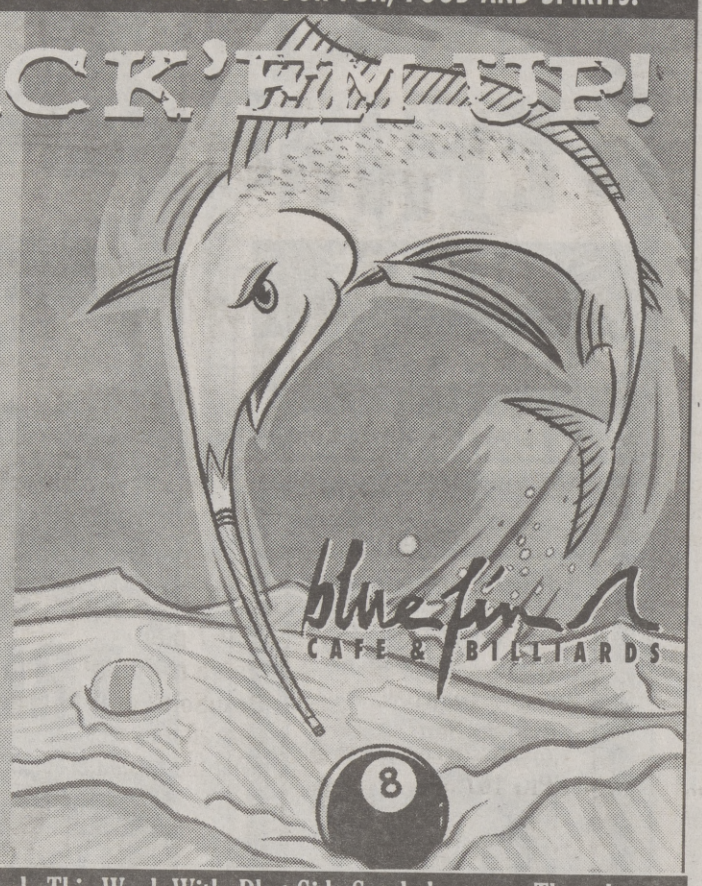

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Through-August 10

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August 20

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August 21

Carmel Unified School District - Board of Education Meeting. Starts at 7p.m. at Carmel Middle School Library.

August 23

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BLUES MUSIC NEWS – AND STUFF

The Blues Bus

By Rand Elliot Rueter

to borg...

This is the first thing that I have written on my new laptop. When I got my first laptop, about 12 years ago, it cost a lot, had audio cassette data storage on minicassettes, was incredibly slow, and had a six line LCD display.

This new machine has a Pentium MMX processor, CD stereo sound, SuperVGA graphics, two gigabytes of hard disk, a 56kb modem and network card and headset /microphone for voice activation of programs. It costs less than the first one.

I don't think that we will have arrived at real personal computing until we can simply get an implant with neurological control.

I find it amusing that I already wish it were faster and lighter. I don't think that we will have arrived at real personal computing until we can simply get an implant with neurological control. I still think well, I just can't remember or sort anything anymore. The good news is that the technology is pretty much here.

To use a simple example, if I could store musical ideas directly, when I first imagine them, I could eliminate that horrible feeling of getting out of the car, rushing into the house and realizing that I have lost the sound that I heard in my mind while driving somewhere.

The bad news is that the same proportion of the populace that thought that steam trains were the work of the devil in the 1800's still think that technological progress is inherently wicked and/or part of a scheme to deprive them of the superiority of the status quo. As was the case in the times of Galileo, Copernicus, Lister and Stevenson, many of the Luddites are in positions of authority in politics, law and religion. We live in a period where little or no real science is being done and where re-engineering of concepts from the 1800's, like internal combustion, rocketry and nuclear physics are considered innovation, instead of reworked dogma. The latest Mars mission was achieved through good assembly technique, not new science. Our colleges teach relativity as fact, not mutable theory, C is a constant because it makes the theory work, not because it is a fact. Subatomic physics is based on explaining observations in best possible current terms, not on absolute realities. Six hundred years ago, the earth was flat and the center of the universe, according to the scientific establishment of that time.

Because the scientific, religious, political and legal professions have a vested interest in maintaining their authority by maintaining the status quo, there is an ingrained resistance to change that moves us as a species outside of the established frame, toward a new self definition. Our society currently accepts innovation most easily when it benefits the establishment. For example, mechanical implants like pacemakers are OK, because they preserve the lives of members of the establishment without changing who the establishment is. Cognitive implants, like cloning, are not OK because there are no legal or governmental recipients of such technologies. If such control methods are developed, the establishment will attempt to make it their exclusive prerogative to be implanted or cloned. If you doubt this, think about the other technologies that the government can use, but you can't.

It will be nice to have access to cognitive implants, once the military, government, lawyers and clergy figure out how to regulate our lives in relationship to them. In the meantime, since the technology exists, you can be sure that just as the cloned sheep are now a fact of life, someone out there is already cyborged. It would be nice if it's someone whose major agenda is keeping track of a theory of human social interaction or a concerto in progress or a really tough one like all their relatives birthdays.

Rand Elliot Rueter hosts "The Blues Bus" on KPIG, 107.5 FM and is the lead singer/guitarist for Blues Bait.

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I'll take responsibility for my own food, probably to the overwhelming joy of my digestive system.

It is an awe inspiring event when the captain of the airplane welcomes me aboard and tells me that he knows I had a choice of airlines and they're all glad I chose this one. Either airlines are hiring functional idiots or this guy has never tried to get anywhere, in a timely manner, using the choices I have.

You'll notice that they never say these things while you're still taxiing to the runway. What do they think, I'll just slap my forehead and choose another airline. I don't think so. It was difficult enough to put these reservations together. This is because airlines seem to have a secret pact with each other to make traveling as inconvenient as possible.

I'm not talking about the people at the airport, some of them are extremely professional and friendly. No, I'm speaking of those wizards of the commuting arts who decide which airline can travel what routes, and where on that route it makes sense to land.

For instance, no one has ever been able to explain to my satisfaction why I had to stop in Salt Lake City to get from San Francisco to Anchorage. If you look at any map you soon realize that this was a somewhat roundabout way to get there. Was there some sort of special immunization I could only get in Utah? If there was I either missed it, or it was hidden in the water.

The explanation from the airline for this interminable route deviation was that Salt Lake is their hub. So what? Their planes can't be away from mom too long? What is that supposed to explain? I don't think they need me to point out what this ridiculous method of routing is costing everyone involved. The monetary cost, of course, is passed on to the consumer. But think of the hours this method puts on the planes, the crew, and the airport personnel.

More impressive are the costs of air travel. I have no idea how many different types of fees for transportation there are for the same seat on every aircraft, but to the extent I've been able to track these divergent fares –it's staggering.

There are as many rules for these fares as there are prices. The most costly is the ticket you buy at the last minute. Now this has never made any sense to me. Good principles of sales and marketing would make this the least expensive. They're about to take off and they have empty seats. What do you think, would a discounted ticket be better than an empty seat? I guess I'm confused. But don't tell me that this absurdity has anything to do with planning for meals or other catered items.

Please, don't feed me, I've eaten enough airplane food to last me a very long time. I'll take responsibility for my own food, probably to the overwhelming joy of my digestive system.

Getting back to fares, just exactly how many different coach prices are there? Does anyone know? Every time I make reservations there seem to be several that I haven't heard of, and they are sold in specific numbers of seats per flight. I get a vision of some very devious looking accountants in some back room, rubbing their hands together gleefully at the confusion their numerical machinations are causing the rest of us.

So let's take stock of current airline customer service. We fly many hours more than we need to, without a credible explanation. We pay more to fly in a timely manner, even though we're filling seats that would otherwise be unprofitable. We put up with peculiar routings, stopping in cities we've never had any desire to visit.

After all this, as we're ascending to thirty thousand feet over water, some distant voice we can't put a face to, tells us he knows we had a choice and he's glad we made this one. Does anyone want to guess what's wrong with this Customer Service picture?

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Your World and Mine

By Araby Colton

In Restraint Of Trade

That's how the United States, egged on by Russia and Canada, bullied the Foreign Ministers of the European Union into rejecting the regulation rejecting the importation into Europe of the skins of animals taken in leg-hold traps.

The U.S., Canada, and Russia are the only countries still permitting the use of these barbaric devices, long since outlawed by sixty-eight other countries.

A big dog ran up, chased me, snarled, bit Tammie in the face, tore out a nostril, and tore off one of her breasts.

But the U.S., Canada, and Russia threatened to take the matter to the World Trade Organization, as being "in restraint of trade." Our environmentalist Vice-President says the ban would cause considerable damage to the fur industry in the United States."

He's talking about all of maybe 2,000 trappers, earning no more than $500 a year. But there are all those high-priced furriers, selling coats to the wives of our donation-making corporate heads.

I wonder if Tipper has a fur coat stashed away for the time when she isn't in line for First Lady. Maybe she wears it for watching television!

I reprint here a little piece I've had for a long time, sent me by one of my wolf lovers:

Tammie Doesn't Hurt Anymore

"I heard that a trapper caught his hand in his own trap, spent an uncomfortable evening in the woods with some pain, and the hand healed completely in a couple of days.

"My little sister, Tammie, had a similar experience. We had taken our nap and it was dark. We walked into the woods and I heard Tammie scream. She had put her hand in a trap. The trap had broken the bone in her hand and it was bleeding. By this time it was dark, and she started to cry. I couldn't get her hand out of the trap. The more she pulled, the more it hurt. Her cries changed to sobs. She was cold. I lay close to her trying to keep her warm. Her sobs changed to moans. I thought daylight and help would never come. Daylight came, but no help, and then the bright sun. Tammie was hot with fever. I brought her some wet leaves. The darkness of night came again. It seemed forever until morning. Tammie's moans became fainter. When morning finally came again, I heard a noise in the woods. At last, someone would help. A big dog ran up, chased me, snarled, bit Tammie in the face, tore out a nostril, and tore off one of her breasts. Tammie quivered. He then bit and shook her again. Tammie lay quietly. Then a man came up, Tammie quivered again, and he hit her over the head five times with a club, and Tammie didn't quiver any more. The man tossed his trap and Tammie over his shoulders and said, 'Nice dog,' and walked out of the woods, petting his dog. The dog's tail was wagging. I took my last look at little Tammie. I thought I saw her tail wag, but I guess it was the wind -- because Tammie doesn't hurt any more.

I won't sign this letter because I can't write. I am only two years old, I am a little raccoon, and my name is Tom - my sister's name was Tammie - and I hope you have a nice day."

So... "restraint of trade"..... I don't suppose Mr. Gore, or Mr. Clinton ever got a hand caught in a trap. Maybe they should.

But we, who can imagine the suffering of the trapped animals, can simply refuse to buy furs. And when we meet up with some lady in a fur we can, as a friend of mine does, say, politely and audibly, "Excuse me, is that real fur?" And when she replies, "Of course," we say, "Oh dear... how terrible!"

And maybe, if enough of us refuse to buy furs, we can persuade the European Union to adopt that ban "in restraint of trade." After all some trades, like slavery, or trapping, should be restrained.

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THE LAW

The Legal Corner

By Barry Harrow

The Last Chicken

Still turning. Do you remember what we're talking about? That's right; chicken! How could there be so much to say about one simple word. Can't we just keep things simple? I'm asked that all the time. I bet Judge Friendly (and probably most judges, for that matter) would have liked to keep it simple, too, but the Plaintiff and Defendant needed to know what chicken meant and they demanded their day in court.

Their problem was that they couldn't agree on the meaning of the word "chicken" in a 1957 contract. The contract referred to "US Fresh Frozen Chicken, Grade A, Government Inspected, Eviscerated" in two weight classes. One weight class was between 2.5 and 3 pounds and the other was between 1.5 and 2 pounds. The contract called for 75,000 pounds of the heavier chicken and 25,000 pounds of the lighter chicken. The Plaintiff cried "fowl", since that is what Defendant shipped.

As you now know, chicken could mean any bird of that genus that meets contract specifications on weight and quality, including stewing chicken (or fowl) or chicken could mean a young chicken, suitable for broiling and frying (definitely not fowl). The Plaintiff was the Swiss corporation. The Defendant was the New York corporation.

...the Plaintiff and Defendant needed to know what chicken meant and they demanded their day in court.

Last week, I began discussing "trade usage" and the Plaintiff's evidence concerning why the rule of construction regarding trade usage would require that the Judge determine that "chicken" did not include "fowl". Although Judge Friendly indicated that the evidence was impressive, the Defendant's evidence had to be considered as well. What did the Defendant have to say about it? The Defendant believed that "chicken" definitely included "fowl".

Defendant's witness Weininger operated a chicken eviscerating plant in New Jersey (just across the river). He testified that "Chicken is everything except a goose, a duck, and a turkey. Everything is a chicken, but then you have to say, you have to specify which category you want or that you are talking about."

Another witness, Fox (no pun intended), said that in the trade "chicken" would encompass all the various classifications.

A third witness, Sadina, conducted a food inspection service. Sadina testified that he would consider any bird coming within the classes of "chicken" in the Department of Agriculture's regulations to be a chicken. He also indicated that the specifications approved by the General Services Administration include fowl as well as broilers and fryers under the classification "chickens." In addition, statistics of the Institute of American Poultry Industries use the phrases "Young chickens" and "Mature chickens," under the general heading "Total Chickens" and the Department of Agriculture's daily and weekly price reports avoid use of the word "chicken" without specification.

Defendant also produced evidence that the Department of Agriculture had issued regulations relating to grading and inspection of poultry which stated in part:

Chickens - The following are the various classes of chickens:

(a) Broiler or fryer
(b) Roaster
(c) Capon
(d) Stag
(e) Hen or stewing chicken or fowl
(f) Cock or old rooster"

Defendant then pointed to the contract. The subject matter of the contract was "US Fresh Frozen Chicken, Grade A, Government Inspected, Eviscerated." Defendant claimed, therefore, that the words "Government Inspected" incorporated the Government definition of "chicken". Plaintiff answered that the contract provision related simply to grade and inspection but did not incorporate the definition of "chicken".

Judge Friendly felt that there was some force in the Defendant's argument that the contract made the regulations a type of dictionary, especially because the reference to Government grading was in Plaintiff's initial cable. That cable said in part that Plaintiff would buy "grade A Government inspected" chicken.

Ultimately, Judge Friendly had to review all of the evidence as a whole and weigh it. As he stated in his decision, "When all the evidence is reviewed, it is clear that defendant believed it could comply with the contracts by delivering stewing chicken in the 2 1/2 - 3 lb. size. Defendant's subjective intent would not be significant if this did not coincide with an objective meaning of "chicken." Here it did coincide with one of the dictionary meanings, with the definition in the Department of Agriculture Regulations to which the contract made at least oblique reference, with at least some usage in the trade, with the realities of the market, and with what plaintiff's spokesman had said.

Although Plaintiff raised various arguments to support its position that the contract did not include "fowl", Judge Friendly stated that "the Plaintiff has the burden of showing that "chicken" was used in the narrower rather than in the broader sense, and this it has not sustained." As a result, Judge Friendly decided that "chicken" included "fowl" and Defendant had not breached the contract.

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SPORTS

Sports Raw

By Mike Hohler

Basketball Getting Dull

This just in....on July 23rd the Chicago Bulls won their third straight National Basketball Association championship. How is this possible, you might ask, when the season hasn't even started yet? Well, the Bulls resigned head coach Phil Jackson to a one-year contract worth over six million dollars. This means that Michael Jordan is going to be back next season. And this means that Scottie Pippen will return next year. In turn, this all means that the Chicago Bulls will indeed win championship number three in a row next season and number six in the 90's. For me, this means another boring year of basketball.

Until Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Phil Jackson all retire, there is no point in playing a season.

To be honest with you, sports fans, I am really getting sick and tired of basketball on a professional level. In my opinion, the N.B.A. has turned into an absolute joke. Until Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Phil Jackson all retire, there is no point in playing a season. You know that in the end, it will be the Chicago Bulls' players with the championship trophy in a loud United Center with confetti falling from the ceiling. Don't get me wrong, I don't hate the Bulls. I'd rather see them win the title than many other teams...but when the same team wins over and over again, it gets boring after a while.

Here's a quick N.B.A. fact: Did you know that there has not been a year in which the team that won the N.B.A. title the previous season won it the next season? This probably confused you. Here's what I'm saying--the last two years, the Bulls won the title. The two years before that, the Houston Rockets were repeat N.B.A. champs. The three years prior to Houston's domination, the Bulls won the title three years in a row. Before Chicago's three-peat, the Detroit Pistons won two straight Championships. My point is that the same teams are always dominant. I'd like to see a different team win once in a while. If Michael Jordan wouldn't have retired to play baseball (the two years that Houston won the championship) the Bulls would more than likely have seven straight championships right now. To me, that is not exciting. That is why I like hockey so much...the Stanley Cup champions the last six years (in reverse order): Detroit, Colorado, New Jersey, New York (Rangers), Montreal, Pittsburgh. When Michael Jordan and friends retire and the Bulls once again become a good team instead of a dominating team, I will be more interested in basketball. But for now, give me an ice rink and 12 players and I'm a happy sports fan.

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VALLEY COMMUNITY

River Ramblings

By Joseph Hertlein

San Francisco Boys Chorus

It was a special evening in Community Park last Saturday. Some 400 Valley residents and visitors gathered under perfect blue, sunny

skies to listen to the San Francisco Boys Chorus sing for nearly an hour at the Gazebo.

Madi Bacon, who was in the audience, founded the Chorus in 1948. Not looking much older than 70, I wondered how she could have come to start the Chorus at such a young age. Talking with her after the performance, she informed me she was 41 when Kurt Herbert Adler of the San Francisco Opera asked her to start a boys chorus to sing with the opera company. With years of music experience and a successful stint with the Chicago Opera before moving to San Francisco, Madi Bacon proved to be the ideal person to start the Chorus. She continues to be its biggest supporter. During the Chorus' final song from Oliver, it was Madi Bacon who led the clapping in rhythm to the melody.

Madi Bacon, founder of the San Francisco Boys Chorus.

The San Francisco Boys Chorus was the first opera chorus for boy singers in the country. At that time neither Chicago, or even the Metropolitan in New York had a boys chorus. The San Francisco Boys Chorus has performed with the Opera every season, and has grown into a distinguished year-round educational and performance organization.

They have been staying at Hidden Valley Music Seminars here in the Village for the past two weeks for a special music camp. They are also making their debut at the Bach Festival this year performing in The Saint Matthew Passion. San Francisco Mayors have for years proclaimed the Chorus to be the "Singing Ambassadors of San Francisco."

Throughout the world, San Francisco is considered the "Golden City." Its Opera and the Boys Chorus add to that reputation among the Europeans and Asians who are drawn to the city by its music offerings. The Chorus has toured the world performing for presidents, royalty and the Pope. In 1970 the Chorus represented our Nation at the celebration of the U.N's 25th Anniversary. In 1992, the Chorus received a Grammy award. Boys in the Chorus range in age from 6 to 14. The Chorus, since 1996, has been under the direction of conductor Ian Robertson. Margaret Clark, Assistant conductor & Training Choir conductor did a superb job of conducting Saturday evenings performance.

Speaking of conductors, it was Madi Brown's brother who was the first Conductor of the Bach Festival in 1937. Born in 1898, perhaps next year there will be a special remembrance of his 100th birthday.

It was a special evening enjoyed by everyone. Some families brought picnic suppers spread out on blankets and a few even brought tables and chairs. Friends of Hidden Valley graciously served cool drinks and glasses of wine. A program with a Ronald Bean drawing on the cover identified the many local businesses that helped sponsor the event. A number of the Villages excellent restaurants offered dining after the concert. What an excellent way to enjoy the park, great music and then go out to dinner afterwards. Keep this in mind for the next two Twilight Concerts in the Park: Keith Underwood Flutist on Sunday August 17th and Jonathan Feldman, Pianist on Sunday, September 14th. Both concerts will be at 6:00 p.m.

Margaret Clark mentioned both at the beginning of the performance and again at the end that hopefully this concert would be the first of many. Lets hope this does become an annual event.

The Park District, the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center and Hidden Valley Music Seminars each have an interest in promoting more music in the Park events. I believe the community is very much interested in more events as well. People have mentioned having Country Music events to me. Working together, and with support from the community, we can make more music events in the Park a reality. Call the Community Center at 659-3983 or Hidden Valley Music Seminars at 659-3115 if you have ideas and/or would like to help.

CVA Swimmers Take 1st!

Saturday, July 26th, the Pattullo Swim Center in Seaside was the site of these year's Monterey County Summer League Swim Championships. Eight teams with 501 swimmers registered, ranging in age from 4 to 17, competed for individual and team awards. The Carmel Valley Aquatics under head coach Di Whitesides won this year's meet. Assisting Di were three assistant coaches, returning veterans, Mark Herro and Brian Duarte along with rookie Aaron "Sparky" Gaily. Along with the help of numerous parent volunteers the team is managed by two ladies, team Mom's, extraordinaire Christine Steinberg and Elaine Eldridge.

A particular feat of accomplishment this championship was that the team did not loose a single relay race. With up to 70 kids in a particular age group, picking the 4 fastest girls and boys for the relay races at the beginning of the meet is not always easy. Coach Di indicated, "You don't always know who is up and awake for the meet. The fastest time in practice may not indicate who is ready for the met on Saturday." The relay races at the end of the meet are easier to pick, "based on who has the fastest times during the meet."

The CVA Swim Team Program has steadily grown over the past few years. In 1991 there were 48 kids signed up for the team. This year the team roster included 200 kids with 180 participating in Saturday's meet with 439 entrants. Almost all participants swam 2 races, many swam 3, and including the relays some swam 4 races

At a team party on Sunday evening Coach Di described the team as "cosmically wonderful." What makes this team wonderful though, is not just that it is a great group of kids, or that there are many parents who are committed to helping, there are also some super great coaches, Di, Mark, Brian and Aaron. The team has a lot of fun together, but the coaches expect the kids to try their hardest, and the kids gladly go out and do it. If they don't and they're caught, they are out of the pool and doing pushups. Hey, these coaches, especially Di, don't take any goofing around.

CVA Coaches Mark Herro, Brian Duarte, Di Whitesides and Aaron Gaily.

Practices, swim meets, and team parties, are great places for mothers, fathers, and families to gather. It is a great group of people and they represent the best of living in Carmel Valley.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

July 17

Carmel Valley: A woman called to report seeing five to six juveniles lighting "cherry bombs" across the street from Village Pizzeria. An area check was made and no suspects were found.

Carmel: Yolanda's Hair Salon at the Barnyard. Upon arrival, water was pouring out of Yolanda's Salon. The emergency fire sprinklers were activated. The cause of the fire was determined to be intentional by fire investigators. The business suffered minor damage and no one was injured. Evidence was obtained from the scene. Investigation continues.

A man reported he lost his wallet sometime in June 1997. The wallet contained $840 cash, a Visa card, Driver's License, and Social Security card. He said the wallet was nylon with a velcro closure. Last time he saw the wallet was in house.

July 19

Carmel: About 60 teens were located at a residence drinking alcohol. Parents of the underage teens were contacted to collect their children.

Carmel Valley: A car was broken into at Garland Park. The rear window was smashed and a stereo taken.

Deputies responded to a verbal argument between a man and his 9 year old son. They were fighting over who should kill a moth that was flying in the room.

July 20

Carmel Valley: A man was turned over to the CHP after almost hitting a Sheriffs Car head-on on Carmel Valley Road.

A woman reported being kicked in the groin and dragged by her hair by her neighbor. Reporting woman refused medical treatment.

A man turned in a set of keys to the Sheriff.

Carmel: While investigating a loud party, someone punctured the read tire of the Sheriff's patrol vehicle.

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